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The 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee, Inc. has distributed over **\$400,000** in college scholarships since 2003.

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March 25, 2008

Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Broadcast Localism* (MB Docket No. 04-233)

Chairman Martin:

Please accept this letter as full acknowledgment of support and vote of confidence in the charitable work of Clear Channel Nashville and its wonderful stations – WUBT, WRVW, WNRG, WSIX, & WLAC.

100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee is a non-profit organization who sole purpose is “nurture and enhance the growth, development, and opportunities for young, Black males of Middle Tennessee.” We do this by offering programs, free of charge, to local at-risk Black males that address their social, educational, and career development needs.

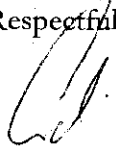
Clear Channel Nashville and its General Manager, Tom English, has been in constant support of our mission over the years. With the help of donated airtime which must have been valued in the thousands of dollars, *The 100* raised over \$275,000 during our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, which included a wine tasting, golf tournament, and dinner gala with over 800 members, supporters, corporate partners, and friends.

Also through the support of Clear Channel Nashville, we have been able to open the minds of the youth that we mentor and serve to the world of radio through a tour of the facilities and the opportunity to meet some of their favorite personalities. It was an experience that can never be quantified in words or dollars, but could very well have sparked a life-change in our most needy of children.

A decision to block any company’s ability to effect positive change within the local community through acts of kindness and philanthropy such as the ones discussed here would be a serious detriment to organizations such as ours who rely upon the benevolence of others to help the underserved.

I urge the FCC to take this into consideration before hindering Clear Channel from providing these invaluable services.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Adrian Granderson  
President & Chief Executive Officer



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March 23, 2008

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., CY-A257  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Report on Broadcast Localism and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking  
MB Docket No. 04-233

Dear Chairman Martin:

Please consider this letter as notice of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce's disagreement with several of the proposed changes to Federal Communication Commission rules governing local broadcasters. The proposed regulations are excessively burdensome and detrimental to the efforts of local radio stations to best serve their listeners and the business community.

We find these proposed rule changes to be the most onerous for the reasons that follow:

- *Community Advisory Boards* - forcing licensees to establish and consult with permanent community advisory boards adds a layer of bureaucracy and expense to local broadcast operations that is not required of other market competitors.
- *Main Studio Location* - forcing radio stations to maintain their main transmitting studios within their communities of license eliminates the cost savings that can be derived from consolidating operations.
- *Remote Station Operation* - technological changes have eliminated the need for radio personnel to be onsite around-the-clock at every broadcasting facility. By reinstating a manned facility rule that was eliminated in 1995, the FCC would place an expensive mandate on radio stations.

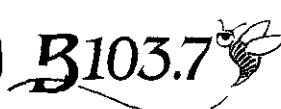
We agree that the development of more and better local programming is a goal worthy of pursuing, but we disagree with the method with which the FCC is pursuing this goal. Imposing expensive government mandates on local broadcasters unfairly burdens the radio industry, since competing cable, satellite, and internet media are free from comparable regulations.

Since any additional operating costs undoubtedly would be reflected in advertising rates, implementation of these proposed rules could negatively impact the local business community. Therefore, we are strongly opposed to these measures.

Sincerely,

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President  
Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce

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March 21, 2008

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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairmen  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairmen Martin,


I am compelled to write you today regarding the news that the Federal Communications Commission is considering re-regulating broadcasters in the pending "localism" proceeding. It's my understanding that the Commission is set to turn back the clock on decades of deregulatory progress by imposing a series of new burdensome regulations on broadcasters. I urge you to reconsider these actions.

This morning as I drove to work I was mentally preparing to write this note. I was listening to our stations local news, heard about an impending late spring snow storm advising the Ag community to protect new born Livestock. The station aired "live" cell calls from listeners that reported white-outs and poor visibility on the local Interstate. My first meeting of the day was scheduled with the local Hospital board. We are preparing to help get the word out regarding a local Science Fair. The Fair is for school age youth and asks our youth to address solutions for our changing environment. This is a Non-profit event that attracts hundreds of students from South Eastern Montana Elementary and High Schools. The students are competing for awards and Scholarships. How much more local can we get Mr. Chairmen? I believe that the Commission has become out of touch with the fact that small market broadcasters cannot survive without serving their communities and further more that we spend countless hours doing just that.

Formal ascertainment requirements are a proven failure. When the commission deregulated Radio in 1981, it recognized that formal ascertainment requirements are not meant to be "an end to themselves". The commission noted that the breadth of Radio service generally means that the goal of well balanced programming should not be forced on stations individually. It eliminated formal ascertainment requirements completely, calling the rules a regulatory straight jacket that crammed every station into the same mold. The same logic holds true today. Creating and maintaining these community boards would be a bureaucratic nightmare- especially considering the broadcasters would have no legal authority to coerce community members to participate. The "community board" requirement is a superficial solution in search of a problem, providing no discernable local benefit while burdening the Radio industry besieged by competition that does not share the same requirements.

Mr. Martin, we would invite you to travel to Montana this summer to investigate small market Radio for yourself. You'll hear, see and hopefully meet a great bunch of folks that have spent careers serving their communities.

Regards,

  
Dennis Coffman, Market Manager  
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March 19, 2008

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I would like to share with you that KGO-TV, ABC7 and Dan Ashley go above and beyond in their efforts in participating with its community in which it serves. The Friends of Camp Concord is a non-profit organization that helps send under privileged kids to camp in an attempt to make a difference in a child's life. Dan Ashley, with ABC7 News, has in the past done air programming during its regular newscast, has done a special on our organization that viewed on "The View from the Bay", and has been a long time sponsor of our fundraising event by donating monies, staff and supplies for our annual golf tournament fundraiser. Dan Ashley graciously hosts, in conjunction with ABC7 News, and mingles with each and every one of the golfers on the golf course and helps promote our cause and event. As a result, we've raised over \$350,000 with Dan Ashley's assistance.

I would like to state that no further regulation is needed to ensure that your local station serves the local community. Furthermore, I would like to thank Dan Ashley and ABC7 for all that it has done for the organization in the past and look forward to many more events in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Dave Goldman*

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President/Founder of Friends of Camp Concord

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